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(DEFENSE INFORMATION)

WASHINGTON--SEN. STUART SYMINGTON CRITICIZED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AGAIN TODAY FOR PUBLICIZING "INACCURATE" INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATION'S DEFENSE.

IN A SENATE SPEECH, THE MISSOURI DEMOCRAT YESTERDAY CITED PRESS REPORTS QUOTING FROM "MILITARY REVIEW" A PUBLICATION OF THE ARMY'S GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL AND DETAILING THE LOCATION OF RUSSIAN MISSILE PADS AND MISSILE FACTORIES.

TODAY SYMINGTON NOTED THAT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN DISMISSED THE "MILITARY REVIEW" DATA AS A COMPILATION OF PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PRESS AND MAGAZINE REPORTS.

"IF THIS INFORMATION, CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FREE WORLD, IS CORRECT, WHY IS IT NOT PUT OUT AT HIGH LEVELS BY THE GOVERNMENT?" SAID SYMINGTON, WHO TOLD THE SENATE YESTERDAY THAT "THE DATA DID NOT JIBE WITH CIA INFORMATION GIVEN TO CONGRESS."

"IF IT IS INCORRECT, WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT SPEND THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO MISLEAD THE PEOPLE BY PUTTING IT OUT AT ALL?" HE ASKED.

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